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NOTES from the DEPARTMENT . . .

USDA TO CONDUCT FRUIT AND VEGETABLE SURVEY



The New England Field Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) is preparing to collect data for fresh market fruit and vegetable prices and yields. Starting in late October and continuing through November, about 2,500 fruit and vegetable growers in New England will be contacted for their assistance in this region wide effort.

"The information from this survey directly impacts New England fruit and vegetable growers more than any other survey we do," said Gary Keough, director of the New England Field Office of NASS. "Growers can use the information when making business plans and marketing decisions. USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) relies on the average yields and prices to administer farm programs. Cooperative Extension uses the data to provide needed outreach and education, and State Departments and Agencies of Agriculture use the data to aid growers."

NASS will ask producers in Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont to provide yield and price information on tree fruits, berries, melons, and over 25 different fresh market vegetables. Connecticut growers will be contacted for apple, peach, and sweet corn data only. As with all NASS surveys, information provided by respondents is confidential by law. NASS safeguards the confidentiality of all responses and publishes only state and national level data, ensuring that no individual producer or operation can be identified.

National fruit and vegetable statistics for the 2011 crop will be available in January 2012 at www.nass.usda.gov. Exact publication dates will be available later in October 2011. The New England Fruits and Vegetables 2011 Crop publication will be available in March 2012 at www.nass.usda.gov/nh.

USDA TO CONDUCT ANNUAL HOGS AND PIGS SURVEY

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is gearing up to conduct its largest quarterly survey of the pork industry. The December Hog and Pig survey is the only chance to officially measure the New England hog industry in 2011. During the first two weeks of December, USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) will contact pork producers for the Hogs and Pigs Survey. They will be asked to report their market hog and breeding stock inventories as well as their farrowing intentions as of December 1.

Gary Keough, Director of the NASS New England Field Office, noted that all information provided by respondents is confidential by law. "NASS safeguards the privacy of all responses and publishes only State and national-level data, ensuring that no individual producer or operation can be identified," he said.

To make it as easy as possible for producers they have the option of responding by mail, telephone, Internet, or personal interview.

Survey results are published in NASS's quarterly Hogs and Pigs report, to be released December 23. NASS also publishes national estimates of the number of hog operations by size group in the Farms, Land in Farms, and Livestock Operations report in February. These and all NASS reports are available online at www.nass.usda.gov. For more information, call the NASS New England Field Office at 1-800-642-9571.

AG VIABILITY GRANT APPLICATIONS DUE NOV 10

The Connecticut Department of Agriculture invites eligible farmers, municipalities, and agricultural nonprofits to apply for its Agriculture Viability Grants, which have been funded again this year.

Applications must be postmarked by November 10 or delivered to the department's office by 4:00 p.m. that day. (November 11, the deadline printed on the application, is a state/federal holiday.) Applications are available at www.CTGrown.gov. Contact Ron Olsen at Ronald.olsen@ct.gov or 860-713-2550 for more information.

**WHOLESALE FRUITS
NEW ENGLAND GROWN**

	Low	High
APPLE,Cort,80ct,xfcy	25.00	25.00
APPLE,Gala,100ct	19.00	20.00
APPLE,Gala,bu,2-1/2up	20.00	22.00
APPLE,Hnycrsp,bu	38.00	38.00
APPLE,Hnycrsp,xfcy,64ct	55.00	55.00
APPLE,Mac,xfcy,100ct	25.00	28.00
APPLE,Mac,bu,2 1/2up	17.00	18.00
APPLE,Macn,100ct,xfcy	35.00	35.00
APPLE,Rd Del,bu	16.00	18.00
APPLE,Empire,80ct,xfcy	27.00	30.00
CIDER,4/1gal	16.00	16.00
PEAR,Bosc,4/5bu	22.00	24.00
PEAR,Rd Anj,4/5bu	24.00	26.00

**NEW HOLLAND, PA, HOG AUCTION
October 17, 2011**

Hogs sold by actual weights, prices quoted by hundred weight.

49-54	220-270 lbs	66.50-70.00
	270-350lbs	65.50-66.50
	300-350lbs	66.50-67.50
45-49	220-300lbs	n/a
Sows: US 1-3	300-500 lbs	59.00-62.00
	500-700 lbs	59.00-61.00
Boars:	300-700 lbs	n/a

**MIDDLESEX LIVESTOCK AUCTION
Middlefield, October 17, 2011**

Live animals brought the following ave. prices per cwt.

	Low	High
Bob Calves:		
45-60 lbs.	20.00	26.00
61-75 lbs.	38.00	45.00
76-90 lbs.	50.00	57.50
91-105 lbs.	60.00	67.50
106 lbs. & up	70.00	75.00
Farm Calves	95.00	120.00
Veal Calves	55.00	125.00
Open Heifers	55.00	100.00
Feeder Steers	85.00	100.00
Starter Calves	25.00	35.00
Stock Bulls	70.00	120.00
Lambs each	75.00	235.00
Goats each	40.00	200.00
Kid Goats each	62.00	135.00
Canners	up to	60.00
Cutters	62.00	64.50
Utility Grade Cows	65.00	70.00
Rabbits each	5.00	30.00
Chickens each	5.00	25.00
Ducks each	5.00	21.00
Sheep	135.00	150.00

**WHOLESALE VEGETABLES
NEW ENGLAND GROWN**

	Low	High
BEAN SPOUTS,10lb	4.50	5.00
BROCCOLI,14ct	12.00	14.00
CABBAGE,Green,50lb,box	10.00	12.00
CABBAGE,Red,50lb,box	12.00	14.00
CABBAGE,Savoy,1-1/9bu	12.00	14.00
CAULIFLOWER,9-12ct	12.00	14.00
COLLARDS,12-16s	12.00	13.00
CORN,5dz	15.00	18.00
CORN,Ornmntl,1/2bu,20/3s	32.00	35.00
CORN, Stalks,bndl	4.00	5.00
CRANBERRIES,25lb	45.00	45.00
DAIKON,1-1/9bu	18.00	20.00
EGGPLANT,1-1/9bu	12.00	14.00
GOURDS,Ornmntl,1/2bu	18.00	20.00
GOURDS,Shllckd,1/2bu	27.00	30.00
KALE,crtn,bnchd	12.00	13.00
LETTUCE,Boston,12/4oz	14.00	16.00
PARSNIP,25lb	24.00	24.00
PEPPER,Bell,1-1/9bu,Sntn,lg	10.00	12.00
PEPPER,Bell,1-1/9bu,xl	14.00	16.00
POTATOES,70ct,Russet	16.00	16.00
POTATOES,Rnd,wh,10lb,A	2.50	2.50
POTATOES,Chef,yel,50lb	21.00	21.00
PUMPKIN,36,Howden,bin	140.00	165.00
PUMPKIN,Mini,1/2 bu	14.00	17.00
PUMPKIN.36,Pie,bin	280.00	300.00
PUMPKIN,24,Pie,bin	180.00	200.00
SQUASH,Acorn 1 1/9bu	12.00	16.00
SQUASH,Buttrnt,1-1/9bu,sm/md	12.00	14.00
SQUASH,Green,1/2bu,sm/md	16.00	18.00
SQUASH,Yellow,1/2bu	16.00	18.00
TOMATOES,20lb,	16.00	18.00
TOMATOES,Grape,12/1pt	16.00	18.00

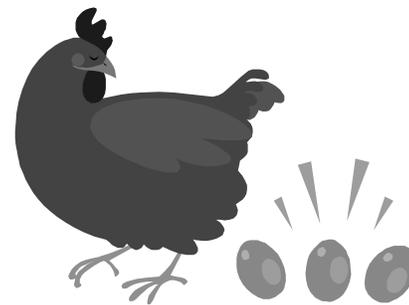
(Boston Terminal and wholesale grower prices)

NEW HOLLAND LIVESTOCK AUCTION

Monday, October 17, 2011

Bulk/ High/ Low Dressing

SLAUGHTER COWS:	
Breakers 75-80%lean	67.00-70.50--- 72.00-74.00---65.00---65.50
Boners 80-85% lean	62.00-67.00---69.00-72.00 ---58.00-62.00
Lean 85-90% lean	61.00-66.00 --- 67.00-72.00--- 55.00-60.00
SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield Grade 1	1085-1330 lbs -80.00-86.00
	n/a
CALVES: All prices per cwt.	
Holstein Bull Calves: Number 1	90-120lbs 140.00-160.00
Holstein Heifers: Number 1	90-95 lbs 100.00---105.00
SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Non-Traditional Markets:	
Woolled & Shorn Choice and Prime 2-3	
40-60 lbs	205.00-235.00
60-80 lbs	188.00-211.00
80-90 lbs	184.00.00-199.00
90-110 lbs	184.00-198.00
110-130 lbs	170.00-184.00
130-150 lbs	168.00-182.00



**WEEKLY NEW ENGLAND
SHELL EGGS**

Prices paid per dozen. Grade A brown egg in carton delivered store door. (Range)

XTRA LARGE	186-196
LARGE	183-193
MEDIUM	126-136

NORTHEAST EGG PRICES USDA

October 17, 2011

Prices to retailers, sales to volume buyers, USDA Grade A and Grade A, white eggs in cartons, warehouse, centers per dozen. (Range)

EXTRA LARGE	116-134
LARGE	110-124
MEDIUM	97-110

VIRGINIA WEEKLY HAY REPORT

October 17, 2011

Hay market for Harrisonburg, VA. All hay prices paid by dealers at the farm and per ton.

Mixed Grass	sm. square, 35-45lbs
Good	2.40 per bale
Timothy	sm. square, 35-45lbs
Good	4.85 per bale
Alfalfa	sm. square, 35-45lbs
Good	4.80 per bale

Woolled & Shorn Choice 2-3

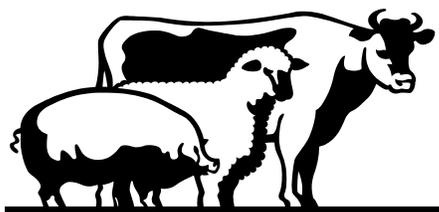
50-60 lbs	176.00-190.00
60-80 lbs	169.00-184.00
80-90 lbs	170.00-183.00
90-110lbs	169.00-184.00
110-130lbs	n/a

SLAUGHTER EWES: Good 2-3: Med. Flesh

120-160 lbs	82.00-.97.00
160-200 lbs	84.00-97.00
200-300lbs	70.00-76.00
Utility 1-2: Thin Flesh	
120-160 lbs	72.00-84.00
160-200 lbs	n/a

SLAUGHTER GOATS: All goats are Selection 1, sold by the head, on est. weights.

Kids: 30-40 lbs	103.00-118.00
50-60lbs	116.00-134.00
60-80lbs	128.00-153.00
80-90lbs	141.00-156.00
90-100lbs	n/a
100-110lbs	n/a
Nannies/Does: 80-130 lbs	100.00-116.00
130-180 lbs	115.00-130.00
Bucks/Billies: 100-150lbs	152.00-167.00
150-200 lbs	190.00-196.00



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4-R. Gallagher electric fencing for farms, horses, deer control, gardens, & beehives. Sonpal's Power Fence 860-491-2290.

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156-R. High quality Christmas Trees: Fraser-Canaan-Balsam-Nordman-Concolor-Blue Spruce-Meyer Spruce-Commercial grades available also. Hartikka Tree Farms (800)508-5099 www.treeman2.com

173-R. Fall Discount Sale. Premium dark natural mulch \$16/yd. Great for fall plantings. Also color enhanced mulches \$23/yd. Prices as wholesale only. Picked up East Haddam. We can deliver any volume. Contact Charles Leigus 860-301-0673.

176-R. For Sale: Christmas greens, wreaths, roping, kissing balls, many sizes and varieties. Samples gladly shown. We deliver. 203-457-1344.

181-R. Rye Straw, clean, bright, weed free. Call 203-484-0664.

184-R. 6'6" Fisher Minute Mount snow plow to fit R=Ford Ranger up to 1997. \$1,000.00 firm. Tel. 860-274-8159.

192-R. Squash, acorn and butternut. Bulk, by the bin. Also, potato bin loader. 860-644-1454.

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196. Single plow for Model "G" Allis Chalmers. 2030-272-2372.

197-R. 400 plus yards composted cow manure (topsoil) \$8.00/yard. Kent Hollow area. Call after 6:00 pm. 860-355-2962.

198. Rough sawn pine & oak boards-seasoned-plus miscellaneous other lumber. 860-745-6230.

199. Gardner Denver portable air compressor 150 CFM. Detroit diesel engine \$1200.00. 860-745-6230.

200. Assorted items- chains, clevis, lifting slings, cement blocks, electric hoist, fuel cans, water hoses. 860-745-6230.

201. 2-steel I beams-10"X22'. Excellent condition. Other I beams. 860-745-6230.

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NEW FARMLAND LEASING GUIDE AVAILABLE

A new guide published by American Farmland Trust (AFT) and the University of Connecticut seeks to help towns, institutions and land trusts navigate the process of leasing land to farmers or managing it themselves for agricultural use. *Farmland ConneCTions: A Guide for Towns, Institutions, and Land Trusts Using or Leasing Farmland* outlines the legal and practical considerations involved in leasing farmland and provides information and case studies of successful community farms that have been established across the state. This free guide is available through AFT's Connecticut office or as a download from their [website](http://www.farmland.org). For further information, please contact Leah Mayor, at 860-683-4230 or by e-mail at lmayor@farmland.org.

GAP LITE WORKSHOPS OFFERED

GAP: The Lite Edition, presented by UCONN Cooperative Extension, is an opportunity to learn about Good Agricultural Practices (GAP), and is designed for small farmers and school or institutional gardeners who do not have to write a GAP food safety plan and participate in a third party audit.

Attendees will learn how to reduce microbial contamination of fruits and vegetables produced on the farm, community garden, CSA or school/institutional garden; how to proactively reduce the risk of foodborne illness and protect customers; and how to begin the process of putting together a "lite" edition of a GAP food-safety plan.

Sessions will be held from 9:00 a.m. to noon on the following dates:

- Friday, October 28, 2011 (Vernon)
- Saturday, November 5, 2011 (North Haven)
- Wednesday, November 30, 2011 (Torrington).

Workshops are free, but preregistration is required. Contact Diane Hirsch, diane.hirsch@uconn.edu or 203-407-3163, or Candace Bartholomew, candace.bartholomew@uconn.edu or 860-570-9067.

FREE WORKSHOPS ON FUNDING

The CT Women's Agricultural Network/UConn Extension announce *Finding Dollar\$ in Tight Times: A Primer for Beginning Farmers*.

The free workshop will provide an overview of loans, grants, etc., and alternative sources, plus "dos and don'ts" for success. Hands-on activities will familiarize you with the application process and funding jargon. Learn to select key words to aid searching for funds and how to describe projects to best advantage.

Trish Manfredi, UConn Extension, will be the presenter. She has been a grant reviewer, a successful proposal writer, and a manager of funded projects over 25 years. Workshops will be held at each of the eight county UConn Extension offices beginning October 26, 2011.

For a schedule, e-mail ctwagn@cox.net Pre-registration is encouraged but not required.

If you've been farming for a while or are just thinking about farming, you are welcome as well. Individual "coaching" sessions will be available for workshop participants beginning in 2012.

WINTER GRAZING WORKSHOP OCTOBER 26

Grass-Fed All Year Long, a joint project among the Universities of Connecticut, Massachusetts, and Rhode Island, developed with a NESARE PDP grant, is presenting a workshop, "Optimizing Winter Grazing," on October 26, 2011, at the University of Rhode Island, Plains Road, Kingston, RI, from 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. The presenter is Darrell Emmick, retired state grazing land management specialist. The session begins at the URI Turf Farm.

For info and/or to RSVP, contact Kristen Castrataro, 401-874-2967 or kcas@uri.edu.

VEGETABLE PATHOGEN WORKSHOP DECEMBER 7

Identification, Assessment and Management of Soilborne Plant Pathogens in Vegetable Production Systems will be held December 7, 2011, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., at the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station, Valley Lab in Windsor. Topics to be covered include understanding pathogen biology & ecology, how to identify soilborne diseases on major vegetable crops in the Northeast, methods for assessing soil pathogens and crop loss, and disease-management options.

There is no cost to attend but pre-registration by November 23, 2011 is required! To pre-register or for more information, contact Jim LaMondia, 860-683-4982, or Jane Canepa-Morrison, 860-683-4977.

USDA SECRETARY VILSACK ISSUES**DISASTER DESIGNATION FOR CONNECTIUT**

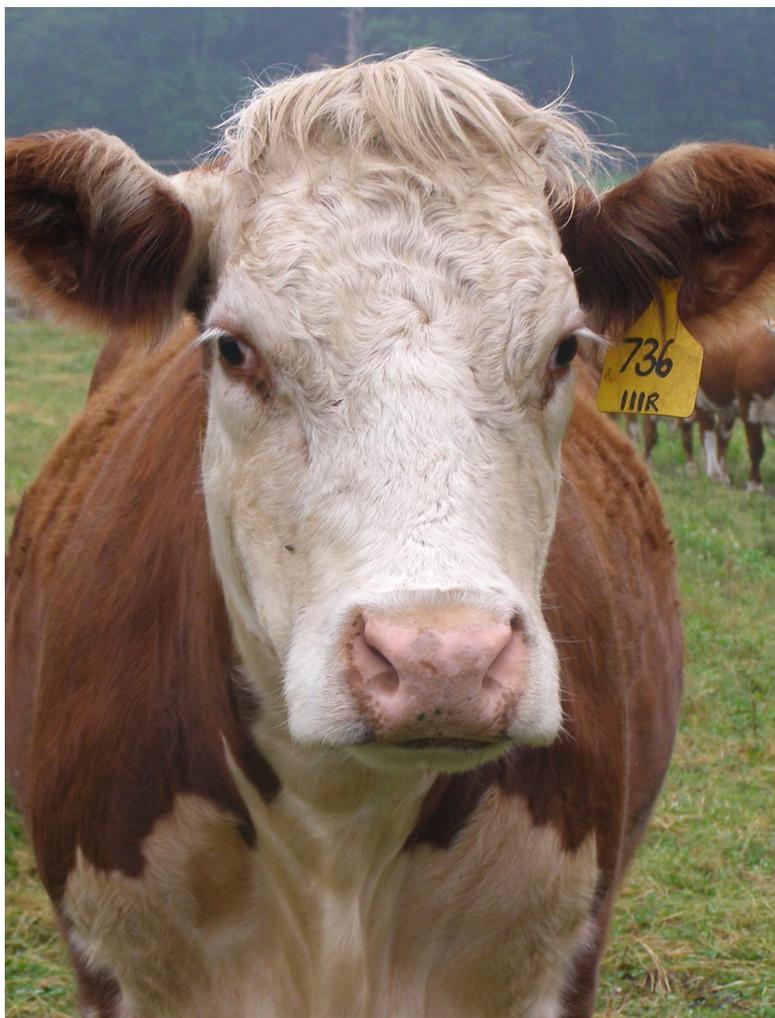
USDA Secretary Vilsack has granted Governor Malloy's September 15, 2011, request for a disaster designation in Connecticut due to agricultural losses caused by Tropical Storm Irene.

Fairfield, Hartford, Litchfield, Middlesex, New Haven, New London, and Windham Counties were named primary natural disaster areas. Tolland County was named a contiguous disaster county as a result of its adjacent location to primary disaster counties.

The Secretarial disaster designation allows farm operators in all eight counties to apply for USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) assistance including emergency loans and Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payments (SURE).

Farms may apply for emergency loans immediately and must have their applications in within eight months of the designation to be considered. Applications for the SURE program will be accepted in 2012 after the 2011 farm revenue data required by statute is available.

Connecticut farmers interested in applying for assistance should contact their local [USDA Farm Service Agency office](#) as soon as possible.



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